MR. P. M. VARGHESE: ബ്ലാക്ക്മാർക്കറ്റിൽ വിൽക്കുന്നവരെ കണ്ടുപിടിക്കാൻ സാധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: കണ്ടുപിടിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: അങ്ങനെ കണ്ടുപിടിക്കപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളവരുടെ പേരിൽ വല്ല നടപടിയും നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: കേസെടുക്കേണ്ട അവസരത്തിൽ കേസെടുത്തിട്ടുമുണ്ട്.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know the nature of the information regarding sale of paddy through the black market?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: That cannot be disclosed.

PRESIDENT: Because names will have to be disclosed.

Advocate-General and Government Pleaders.

167. ✻ MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the offices of the Advocate-General and Government Pleaders are not for a period of five years;

(*b*) whether the pay of these officers was not fixed in consideration of this fact; and

(*c*) whether there have been extensions of the term or reappointments in the case of any of these officers and if so, who are these officers who got extensions or reappointments and what are the dates and grounds on which reappointments were made or extensions granted?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes, in the first instance.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes—on grounds of efficiency. The term of the following persons has been extended:—

Advocate-General. The period was originally fixed as 5 years when the present incumbent was appointed. His appointment was renewed then for 3 years. From 13-4-1942 his services have been extended until further orders.

Government Pleaders. The Government Pleaders who have been reappointed are the following:—

	Name.	*Dates.*
1.	Mr. N. K. Narayana Pillai	From 1-6-1118 for 5 years.
2.	Mr. N. Krishna Kamath	do.
3.	Mr. P. I. Simon	From 10-2-1119 for 5 years.
4.	Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai	From 18-3-1118 for 4 years.

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MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know whether the Government have made such extensions for an indefinite period on previous occasions?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The rule for the fixation of the period as five years was only of recent introduction.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know when the Government propose to do away with the services of the present Advocate-General?

PRESIDENT: The honourable member cannot ask that question because it relates to the future policy of the Government.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know whether the extension was due to the dearth of efficient men at the Bar?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: We have stated the reasons for which the extension was granted.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I take it that the Bar was wanting in members as efficient as Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai, Mr. P. I. Simon, Mr .N. Krishna Kamath and Mr. N. K. Narayana Pillai?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The honourable member may draw his own inference.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know whether the Government are aware that if at all there is a dearth felt it is due to the inefficient personnel in the Judiciary?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. It is a fundamental rule that the courts as such should not be attacked on the floor of the House.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: What is the criterion that the Government have adopted in judging efficiency?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: The ordinary criterion that is usually applied in judging efficiency. (*Laughter*).

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: May I know what it is?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: That is a matter for Government's judgment.

MR. S. SANKARANARAYANAN TAMPI: Is it the number of cases that the appointee has at the time he is appointed?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Not necessarily Sir.

Acquisition of lands for Alagappa Textiles, Ltd., Alwaye.

168. * MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are taking any steps for acquiring more land in Alwaye pakuthi for Alagappa Textiles Ltd., situated very near th Alwaye Municipality?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: No.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to stat whether they have received any petitions regarding this matter from individual land holders at Alwaye?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: No, Sir.

PRESIDENT: We have nothing to do in the matter.

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